

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

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Mr. L. Burr Burrville Irrigation Company Burrville, UT 84701

Dear Mr. Burr:

This letter is in response to your request of April 25th for information concerning your Company's assessment for Account #118 on the Upper Sevier River Distribution System.

The assessments for the Distribution System are divided into two classes. Class 1 rights are those which require extensive regulation. Class 2 rights are those which do not require regular visits by the River Commissioners. Class 2 rights are further divided into 5 Subclasses, each rated according to the amount of regulation required. Sub-class 1 requires the most regulation of the Sub-class group and Sub-class 5 requires the least.

The Class 1 rights are assessed on the basis of acre-feet of water used during the previous year. The Class 2 rights are assessed on the basis of the amount of the decreed water right in second-feet. The Class 2 assessments are also weighted according to the Sub-class that they are assigned. The budget for the Distribution System and the assessments levied are set each year by the directors of the water users association at the annual meeting. These assessments will vary depending on the budget needs projected by the directors.

I have reviewed the classification of the assessments and find that previously the Burrville Irrigation Company was assessed as a Class 2, Sub-class 2 right. However, this year the Company's right was erroneously grouped with the Sub-class 1 rights and so the assessment was much higher this year than it had been previously. We have revised the assessment for your company and included is a new billing showing the amount to be paid for this year.

The assessments collected on each system are used strictly to meet the operating expenses of the Distribution System including the River Commissioner's salary.

The Commissioner's duties do not include repair work or maintenance on the System. The benefit to your Company of having a Commissioner on the river is a reasonably smooth and specific division of the water. L. Burr, continued page -2-

I understand your Company has contacted Mr. Owens in the past concerning distribution problems and he has assisted you. We hope you will continue to call on him if the need arises.

We hope this information answers your questions. If we can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Directing Engineer for Adjudication/Distribution

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